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The Honorable Scott E. Thomas, Chairman  
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

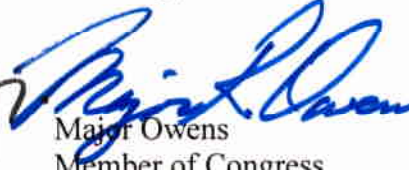
On March 11, 2005, I, along with other Members, wrote to express our concern over the possible implications of U.S. District Court Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly's decision in *Christopher Shays & Martin Meehan v. Federal Election Commission*, 337 F.Supp.2d 28 (D.D.C. 2004), and to urge the Commission to make explicit in any rule it promulgates that a web log ("blog") would not be subject to disclosure requirements, campaign finance limitations or other regulations simply because it contains political commentary or includes links to a candidate or political party's website, provided that the candidate or political party did not compensate the blog for such linking.


My office has been contacted by Members seeking to sign onto this letter. Therefore, by the signature below, I would like to request that you consider these Members as original signatories of the letter.

I appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

  
John Conyers, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Judiciary Committee

  
Major Owens  
Member of Congress

  
Albert Wynn  
Member of Congress